

Cut It

Mark 4:35-39

Two kinds of grand gestures

Field of dreams

Enough is enough

Two keys to cutting the rope

Kneel down

Stand up

Considerations for the week

Have you ever left a crowd behind? What sort of crowd was it, and why did you?

Discuss a time when a “grand gesture” was made. Consider which type of gesture it was more like . . . a field of dreams or an enough-is-enough moment. Describe how it happened and its results.

What happens when we step past the point of no return?

Opportunities to serve our Lord abound. Think of ways to serve that would come easily for you and some that would be difficult. Remember the regret that can come with an opportunity lost, and zero in on service that you could begin immediately.

An adaptation of Barth: Take your Bible app and take your newsfeed and read both. But interpret the newsfeed from the Bible.

How good are you at this?

We are to kneel down. We are to stand up. Which comes more naturally? Contemplate how each stance can develop more fully as we come to know God more fully.

The Latin word for decide is *decidere*, “to cut off”. You may be one decision – one cut – away from a changed life. Take a few moments with the Holy Spirit to consider cutting a rope that binds your life. Share with a friend.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.

Take your Bible and take your newspaper and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible.

– Karl Barth, *Time Magazine*, 1961.

... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. – 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

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Scripture read today during worship:

[Mark 4:35-39](#)

[Matthew 18:18](#)

[James 2:14-17](#)

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We're glad you came.

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymn 59 in the hymnal
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Holy Forever*

Hymn, *Battle Belongs*

Hymn number 202 in the hymnal
Amazing Grace

Offertory

Reading

Special music, *If I Stand*

Message

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Response number 375 in the hymnal
Jesus Calls Us

Benediction

Weekly Events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45 pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, Tuesday at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served 5:30-6:30 pm. Chicken fettuccine,
green beans, bread, apple crisp with ice cream

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

The Truth Project, men's Bible study, Thursday, 7 pm

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

Lord's Supper

The bread to be distributed is gluten-free.

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Daughters of the King tea party

February 17 at 10 am at the church

Super Bowl party

February 11

5:30 pm at the church

Church Conference There will be a regular church conference today at 1 pm here at the church. Information is available in the church office.

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to Rumble. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.